The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"I am sorry I was not clear but if supervision is necessary we would like to have the minimum of supervision."

Mr. F. E. James :—"Then the hon. the Chief Minister is prepared to accept some kind of supervision."

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"That depends upon what will be the final agreement come to between the Government of India and ourselves."

Representation of the depressed classes in the local bodies.

*1468 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any municipalities and district boards which contain no representatives of the depressed classes and if so, which they are ; and

(b) what are the taluk boards that have representatives of the depressed classes as nominated members ?

A.—(a) Yes ; the municipal councils of Anantapur, Walajapet, Erode, Tirupur, Chicacole, Ongole, Tenali, Kodaikanal, Cochin, Tellicherry, Sivakasi, Virudhunagar, Mayavaram and Karur.

(b) Government have no information in the matter as nominations to taluk boards are made by the presidents of district boards concerned.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"The answer to clause (a) mentions certain municipalities which contain no representatives of the depressed classes. May I know, Sir, why no members of the depressed classes have been nominated to those councils ?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"It was not found easy to get representatives of these communities."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"May I know, Sir, whether there are any district boards to which representatives of the depressed classes have not been nominated ?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"As far as I am aware all district boards contain representatives of depressed classes."

Election of women and depressed classes to local bodies.

*1469 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there are any municipalities or local boards to which women or any depressed class people have been elected as members ?

A.—

Ladies.—Under section 48 (1) (b) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, ladies are disqualified for election to municipal councils. One lady has been elected to a local board, namely, Srimathi Sivabhagyam Ammal to the Ramnad Union Board.

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Depressed Classes.—Persons belonging to depressed classes have been elected to the Hindupur, the Adoni, the Palacole, the Chirala and the Ootacamund Municipal Councils and to local boards in the Anantapur, the Bellary, the Chingleput, the Chittoor, the Coimbatore, the East Godavari, the West Godavari and the Nilgiri districts.

Compassionate grants to local boards.

* 1470 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the districts where the local boards are collecting land-cess at the maximum rate of 18 pies; and

(*b*) the local boards to which the Government are giving compassionate grants to balance the budgets?

A.—(*a*) Land cess is levied at the maximum rate of 18 pies in the rupee of land revenue throughout the districts of Bellary, Chingleput, Cuddapah, South Kanara, Kurnool, Malabar, the Nilgiris and Salem.

(*b*) (1) The Nilgiri District Board.
(2) The Kasaragod Taluk Board.
(3) The Puttur Taluk Board
(4) The Karkal Taluk Board.
(5) The Mangalore Taluk Board.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA:—"May I know, Sir, how long and for what consideration the Nilgiri District Board has been given compassionate grant?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"They are not able to meet their expenditure."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA:—"May I know how long it has been like that?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It has been so for the last ten years."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government will keep on supporting this district with funds?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"That is so, Sir."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Alleged mismanagement of the Margabanduswami temple in Virinjipuram.

* 1471 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received sometime back a mahazar from prominent residents of Virinjipuram, North Arcot district, making several allegations of mismanagement against the dharmakartha of the famous Margabanduswami temple in that place;

(*b*) whether the memorialists urged the appointment of Mr. V. A. Doraiswami Mudaliyar of Virinjipuram as trustee in place of the existing trustee;